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INTRODUCTION

Each year, Statistics Canada publishes annual averages derived from the monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS). This MBS special data supplement presents the principle Manitoba labour market indicators on an annual average basis for the years 1997 to 1999.

It should be noted that Statistics Canada has revised all Labour Force Survey data for Canada and the provinces back to 1976.

There are two reasons for this extensive revision. One is to incorporate a more current population benchmark for the survey based on the 1996 Census. The other is to introduce a new methodology for producing survey estimates that Statistics Canada says will reduce some of the data volatility we have seen in the past.

The impact of the revision has generally been to lower employment totals at the national and provincial level. However, unemployment rates are little affected by the changes.

Effective with the release of January 2000 Labour Force Survey results on February 4, 2000 any previous estimates produced by the LFS are not comparable with newly released data. Any comparisons should be made with the revised historical data.

MANITOBA DATA HIGHLIGHTS

Manitoba experienced slower job growth in 1999 than in 1998. Total employment averaged 542,700 persons, up 7,000 from the 1998 average of 535,700. The 1999 growth rate was 1.3%, down from 1998's growth rate of 1.9%. This follows a gain of 10,100 in 1998. Overall, Manitoba ranked ninth in comparison to other provinces and was below Canada's gain of 2.8%, with respect to growth in total employment from 1998 to 1999.

Manitoba had the lowest average unemployment rate at 5.6%. This rate is slightly higher than Manitoba's 1998 average of 5.5% and lower than Canada's 1999 unemployment rate of 7.6%. In addition, Manitoba's youth unemployment rate was the lowest in the country at 10.1% and almost four percentage points lower than Canada's 1999 average of 14.0%.

Manitoba's growth in full-time employment slowed in 1999. There were 435,800 Manitobans working full-time during 1999, an increase of 5,300 from the 1998 level of 430,500. In 1998 11,700 full-time jobs were generated. The 1999 growth rate in full-time employment was 1.2%.

Most of Manitoba's employment gains were in the service producing industries, where there was a increase of 7,900 jobs in 1999 over 1998 (a growth rate of 2.0%). The trade and financial, insurance, real estate and leasing industries led the increase with the addition of 2,800 and 2,600 jobs, respectively, in 1999 over 1998. Gains also occurred in the transportation services industry (up 2,000 or 6.1%), education and health services (up 2,400 or 2.4%) and accommodation and other services (up 1,400 or 2.0%). However, these gains were slightly offset by decreases in the professional and administrative services industry, which declined by 1,700 positions, and public administration, which lost 1,500 jobs. Overall, in 1999, the service-producing industries of Manitoba averaged 398,400 jobs in 1999.

The goods producing industries averaged 144,300 jobs in 1999, 900 jobs less than in 1998 (a growth rate of - 0.6%). Growth occurred in the utility industry (with an additional 1,100 jobs or a 20.8% increase over 1998), the construction industry (up 1,400 or 5.0%) and the manufacturing industry (up 1,800 or 2.9%). However, these gains were eroded with the job losses of 1,900 and 3,200 in the agriculture and forestry, fishing and mining industries, respectively.

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LABOUR FORCE COMPOSITION
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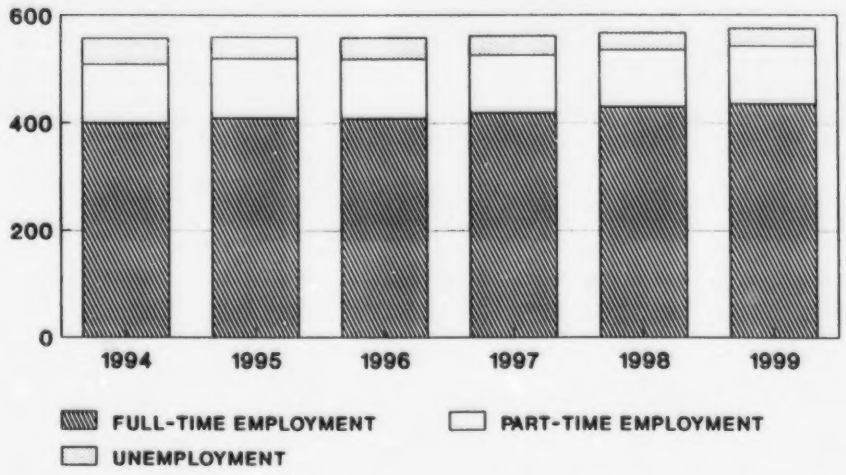

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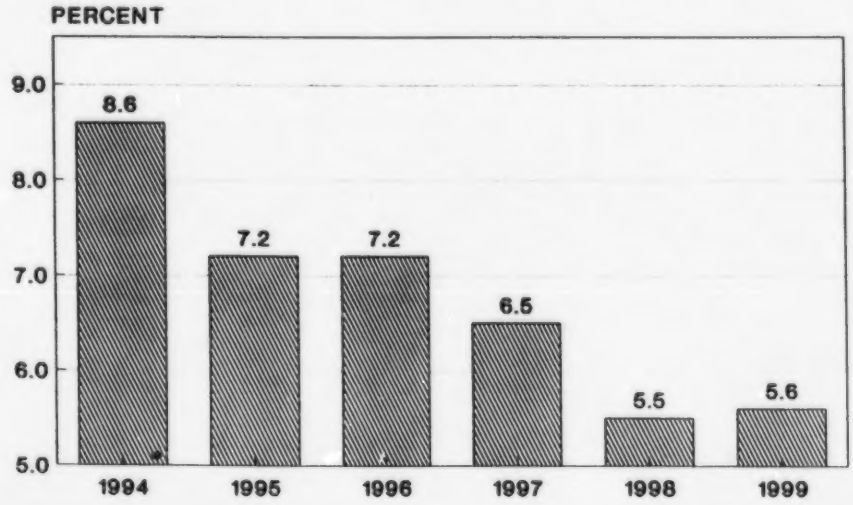

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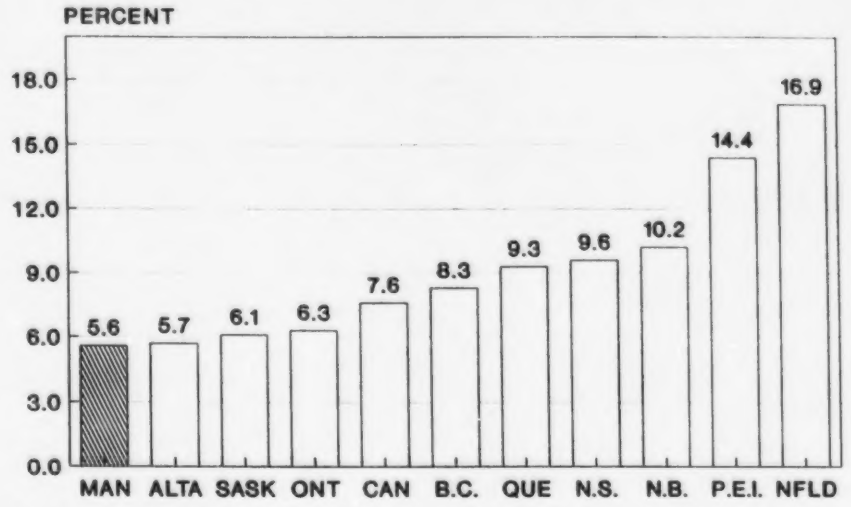

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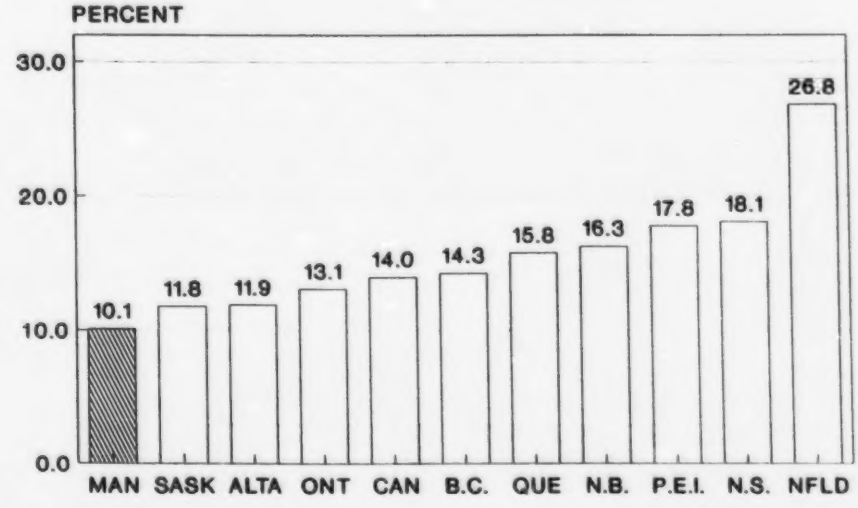

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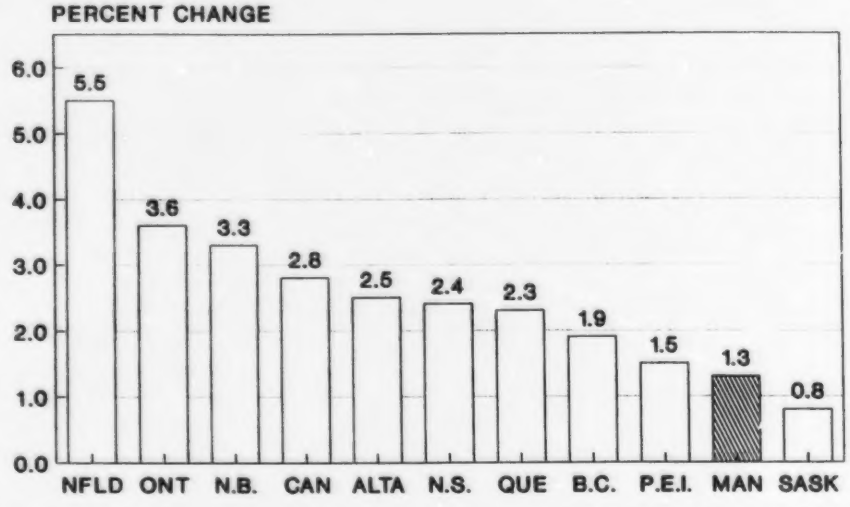

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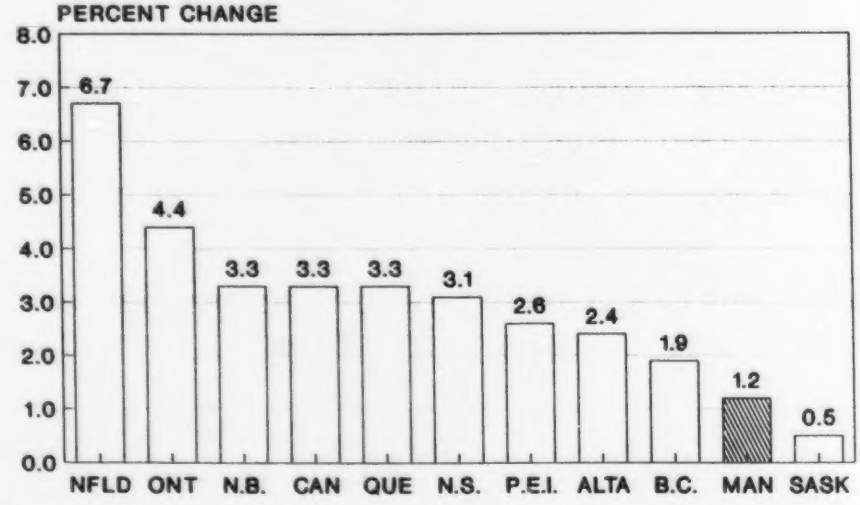

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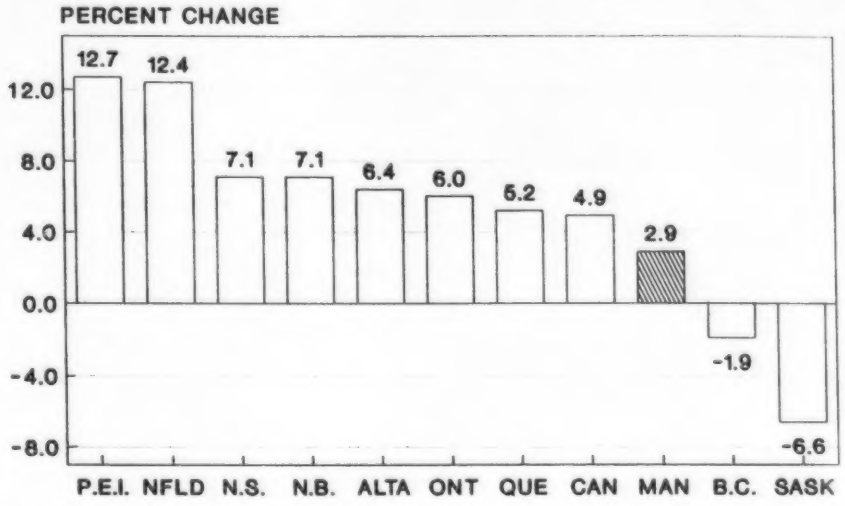

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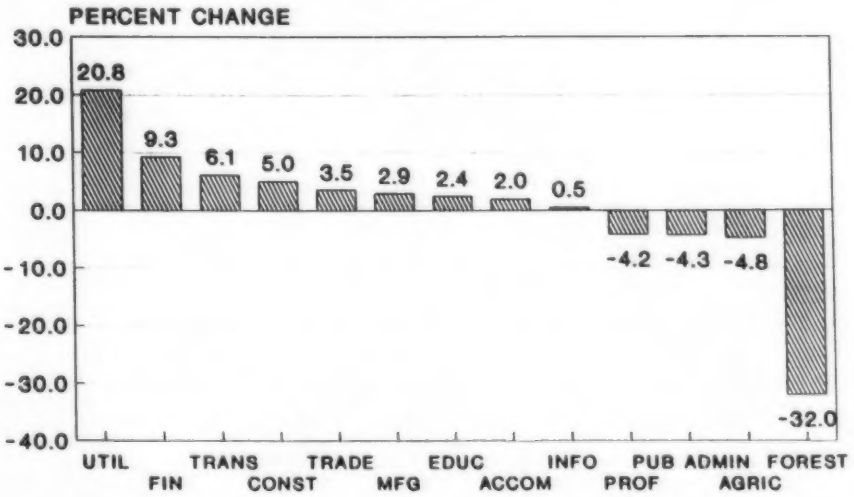

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TABLE 1: PRINCIPAL LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

	MANITOBA			CANADA		
	1997	1998	1999	1997	1998	1999
LABOUR FORCE	562,000	566,800	574,800	15,153,000	15,417,700	15,721,200
EMPLOYMENT	525,600	535,700	542,700	13,774,400	14,140,400	14,531,200
PART TIME	106,800	105,200	106,900	2,634,800	2,673,800	2,681,900
MEN	28,700	28,500	31,000	791,700	810,300	813,600
WOMEN	78,100	76,600	75,900	1,843,100	1,863,500	1,868,300
FULL TIME	418,800	430,500	435,800	11,139,700	11,466,600	11,849,200
MEN	257,500	262,900	261,900	6,716,500	6,851,100	7,052,200
WOMEN	161,300	167,600	173,900	4,423,100	4,615,400	4,797,000
UNEMPLOYMENT	36,500	31,100	32,200	1,378,600	1,277,300	1,190,100
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	6.5	5.5	5.6	9.1	8.3	7.6
PARTICIPATION RATE	66.6	67.0	67.5	64.9	65.1	65.6

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 1 (CONTINUED): PRINCIPAL LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

	MANITOBA PERCENT CHANGE		CANADA PERCENT CHANGE	
	1997 TO 1998	1998 TO 1999	1997 TO 1998	1998 TO 1999
LABOUR FORCE	0.9%	1.4%	1.7%	2.0%
EMPLOYMENT	1.9%	1.3%	2.7%	2.8%
PART TIME	-1.5%	1.6%	1.5%	0.3%
MEN	-0.7%	8.8%	2.3%	0.4%
WOMEN	-1.9%	-0.9%	1.1%	0.3%
FULL TIME	2.8%	1.2%	2.9%	3.3%
MEN	2.1%	-0.4%	2.0%	2.9%
WOMEN	3.9%	3.8%	4.3%	3.9%
UNEMPLOYMENT	-14.8%	3.5%	-7.3%	-6.8%
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	-1pts	0.1pts	-0.8pts.	-0.7pts
PARTICIPATION RATE	0.4pts	0.5pts	0.2pts	0.5pts

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 2: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, CANADA AND PROVINCES

	1997	1998	1999	CHANGE 1997 TO 1998	CHANGE 1998 TO 1999
MANITOBA	6.5	5.5	5.6	-1.0 pts.	0.1 pts.
CANADA	9.1	8.3	7.6	-0.8 pts.	-0.7 pts.
NEWFOUNDLAND	18.6	18.0	16.9	-0.6 pts.	-1.1 pts.
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	15.4	13.8	14.4	-1.6 pts.	0.6 pts.
NOVA SCOTIA	12.1	10.5	9.6	-1.6 pts.	-0.9 pts.
NEW BRUNSWICK	12.7	12.2	10.2	-0.5 pts.	-2.0 pts.
QUEBEC	11.4	10.3	9.3	-1.1 pts.	-1.0 pts.
ONTARIO	8.4	7.2	6.3	-1.2 pts.	-0.9 pts.
SASKATCHEWAN	5.9	5.7	6.1	-0.2 pts.	0.4 pts.
ALBERTA	5.8	5.6	5.7	-0.2 pts.	0.1 pts.
BRITISH COLUMBIA	8.4	8.8	8.3	0.4 pts.	-0.5 pts.
* MANITOBA RANK	3	1	1		

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA **MANITOBA BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

* **Ranking is in ascending order from the lowest unemployment rate**

TABLE 3: YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, CANADA AND PROVINCES

AGES 15 TO 24 YEARS

	1997	1998	1999	CHANGE 1997 TO 1998	CHANGE 1998 TO 1999
MANITOBA	11.5	10.4	10.1	-1.1 pts.	-0.3 pts.
CANADA	16.2	15.1	14.0	-1.1 pts.	-1.1 pts.
NEWFOUNDLAND	26.3	27.8	26.8	1.5 pts.	-1.0 pts.
P.E.I.	17.6	17.2	17.8	-0.4 pts.	0.6 pts.
NOVA SCOTIA	20.9	19.2	18.1	-1.7 pts.	-1.1 pts.
NEW BRUNSWICK	20.4	18.2	16.3	-2.2 pts.	-1.9 pts.
QUEBEC	19.3	17.5	15.8	-1.8 pts.	-1.7 pts.
ONTARIO	16.4	14.4	13.1	-2.0 pts.	-1.3 pts.
SASKATCHEWAN	10.2	10.7	11.8	0.5 pts.	1.1 pts.
ALBERTA	10.9	10.2	11.9	-0.7 pts.	1.7 pts.
BRITISH COLUMBIA	15.2	17.3	14.3	2.1 pts.	-3.0 pts.
* MANITOBA RANK	3	2	1		

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TABLE 4: TOTAL EMPLOYMENT, CANADA AND PROVINCES

	1997	1998	1999	PERCENT CHANGE 1997 TO 1998	PERCENT CHANGE 1998 TO 1999
MANITOBA	525,600	535,700	542,700	1.9%	1.3%
CANADA	13,774,400	14,140,400	14,531,200	2.7%	2.8%
NEWFOUNDLAND	189,300	194,200	204,900	2.6%	5.5%
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	59,200	60,400	61,300	2.0%	1.5%
NOVA SCOTIA	384,300	398,900	408,600	3.8%	2.4%
NEW BRUNSWICK	310,700	317,800	328,400	2.3%	3.3%
QUEBEC	3,195,100	3,281,500	3,357,400	2.7%	2.3%
ONTARIO	5,313,400	5,490,000	5,688,100	3.3%	3.6%
SASKATCHEWAN	470,000	476,300	480,100	1.3%	0.8%
ALBERTA	1,457,900	1,515,400	1,553,300	3.9%	2.5%
BRITISH COLUMBIA	1,869,000	1,870,200	1,906,400	0.1%	1.9%
* MANITOBA RANK				8	9

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA **MANITOBA BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

* Ranking is in descending order from the highest percent change

TABLE 5: FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT, CANADA AND PROVINCES

	1997	1998	1999	PERCENT CHANGE 1997 TO 1998	PERCENT CHANGE 1998 TO 1999
MANITOBA	418,800	430,500	435,800	2.8%	1.2%
CANADA	11,139,700	11,466,600	11,849,200	2.9%	3.3%
NEWFOUNDLAND	157,400	162,100	173,000	3.0%	6.7%
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	48,900	49,600	50,900	1.4%	2.6%
NOVA SCOTIA	304,100	320,400	330,400	5.4%	3.1%
NEW BRUNSWICK	258,000	266,100	275,000	3.1%	3.3%
QUEBEC	2,624,400	2,701,900	2,791,600	3.0%	3.3%
ONTARIO	4,295,000	4,466,400	4,663,900	4.0%	4.4%
SASKATCHEWAN	371,000	379,500	381,500	2.3%	0.5%
ALBERTA	1,183,100	1,223,300	1,252,600	3.4%	2.4%
BRITISH COLUMBIA	1,478,900	1,466,600	1,494,500	-0.8%	1.9%
* MANITOBA RANK				7	9

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TABLE 6: MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT BY PROVINCE

	1997	1998	1999	PERCENT CHANGE 1997 TO 1998	PERCENT CHANGE 1998 TO 1999
MANITOBA	59,400	62,700	64,500	5.6%	2.9%
CANADA	2,022,400	2,113,800	2,217,400	4.5%	4.9%
NEWFOUNDLAND	15,700	16,100	18,100	2.5%	12.4%
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	5,400	5,500	6,200	1.9%	12.7%
NOVA SCOTIA	37,700	42,000	45,000	11.4%	7.1%
NEW BRUNSWICK	36,000	36,700	39,300	1.9%	7.1%
QUEBEC	584,400	609,000	640,700	4.2%	5.2%
ONTARIO	938,500	989,000	1,048,700	5.4%	6.0%
SASKATCHEWAN	29,400	30,400	28,400	3.4%	-6.6%
ALBERTA	119,000	126,200	134,300	6.1%	6.4%
BRITISH COLUMBIA	197,000	196,000	192,200	-0.5%	-1.9%
* MANITOBA RANK				3	8

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA **MANITOBA BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

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TABLE 7: MANITOBA TOTAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	1997	1998	1999	PERCENT CHANGE 1997 TO 1998	PERCENT CHANGE 1998 TO 1999
AGRICULTURE	40,900	39,200	37,300	-4.2%	-4.8%
FORESTRY, FISHING & MINING	10,400	10,000	6,800	-3.8%	-32.0%
UTILITIES	4,700	5,300	6,400	12.8%	20.8%
CONSTRUCTION	24,700	27,900	29,300	13.0%	5.0%
MANUFACTURING	59,400	62,700	64,500	5.6%	2.9%
TRADE	77,400	80,600	83,400	4.1%	3.5%
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	33,100	32,700	34,700	-1.2%	6.1%
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE & LEASING	27,100	28,100	30,700	3.7%	9.3%
PROFESSIONAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	37,200	40,400	38,700	8.6%	-4.2%
EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES	98,900	99,200	101,600	0.3%	2.4%
INFORMATION, CULTURE & RECREATION	19,600	18,700	18,800	-4.6%	0.5%
ACCOMMODATION & OTHER SERVICES	55,900	56,300	57,400	0.7%	2.0%
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	36,300	34,500	33,000	-5.0%	-4.3%
TOTAL: GOODS PRODUCING	140,100	145,200	144,300	3.6%	-0.6%
TOTAL: SERVICE PRODUCING	385,500	390,500	398,400	1.3%	2.0%
TOTAL: ALL INDUSTRIES	525,600	535,700	542,700	1.9%	1.3%

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